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**Announced Care Inspection
of
Northern Ireland Dental Care (Lisburn Road)**

9 September 2015

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1. Summary of Inspection

An announced care inspection took place on 9 September 2015 from 11.45 to 12.50. Overall on the day of the inspection the management of medical emergencies and recruitment and selection were found to be safe, effective and compassionate. The outcome of the inspection found no areas of concern.

This inspection was underpinned by The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005, The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Independent Health Care) (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, The DHSSPS Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment (2011), Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines on quality standards for cardiopulmonary resuscitation practice and training in primary dental care (November 2013), Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines on minimum equipment list for cardiopulmonary resuscitation in primary dental care (November 2013), and the British National Formulary (BNF) guidelines on medical emergencies in dental practice.

1.1 Actions/Enforcement Taken Following the Last Inspection

There were no requirements or recommendations made following the previous care inspection on 1 October 2014.

1.2 Actions/Enforcement Resulting from this Inspection

Enforcement action did not result from the findings of this inspection.

1.3 Inspection Outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection can be found in the main body of the report.

2. Service Details

Registered Organisation/Registered Persons: Mrs Anne Higgins and Mr David Mann	Registered Manager: Mrs Anne Higgins
Persons in Charge of the Practice at the Time of Inspection: Mrs Anne Higgins and Mr David Mann	Date Manager Registered: 28 November 2013
Categories of Care: Independent Hospital (IH) – Dental Treatment	Number of Registered Dental Chairs: 2

3. Inspection Focus

The themes for the 2015/16 year are as follows:

- Medical and other emergencies; and
- Recruitment and selection.

4. Methods/Process

Specific methods/processes used in this inspection include the following:

Prior to inspection the following records were analysed: staffing information, patient consultation report, and complaints declaration.

During the inspection the inspector met with Mrs Anne Higgins and Mr David Mann, registered persons, and one dental nurse.

The following records were examined during the inspection: relevant policies and procedures, training records, staff personnel files, job descriptions, contracts of employment, and the process for recording patient medical histories.

5. The Inspection

5.1 Review of Requirements and Recommendations from Previous Inspection

The previous inspection of the practice was an announced care inspection undertaken on 1 October 2014. No requirements or recommendations were made a result of this inspection.

5.2 Medical and Other Emergencies

Is Care Safe?

Review of training records and discussion with Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse confirmed that the management of medical emergencies is included in the induction programme and training is updated on an annual basis, in keeping with the General Dental Council (GDC) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

Discussion with Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse confirmed that they were knowledgeable regarding the arrangements for managing a medical emergency and the location of medical emergency medicines and equipment.

Review of medical emergency arrangements evidenced that emergency medicines are provided in keeping with the British National Formulary (BNF), and that emergency equipment as recommended by the Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines is retained in the practice. A robust system is in place to ensure that emergency medicines and equipment do not exceed their expiry date. There is an identified individual within the practice with responsibility for checking emergency medicines and equipment.

Mrs Higgins and Mr Mann confirmed that an AED is available in the practice. Discussion with Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse and review of documentation demonstrated that recording and reviewing patients' medical histories is given high priority in this practice.

On the day of the inspection the arrangements for managing a medical emergency were found to be safe.

Is Care Effective?

The policy for the management of medical emergencies reflected best practice guidance. Protocols are available for staff reference outlining the local procedure for dealing with the various medical emergencies.

Discussion with Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse demonstrated that they have a good understanding of the actions to be taken in the event of a medical emergency and the practice policies and procedures.

Discussion with Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse confirmed that there have been no medical emergencies in the practice since the previous inspection.

On the day of the inspection the arrangements for managing a medical emergency within the practice were found to be effective.

Is Care Compassionate?

Review of standard working practices demonstrated that the management of medical and other emergencies incorporate the core values of privacy, dignity and respect.

During discussion Mrs Higgins, Mr Mann and the dental nurse demonstrated a good knowledge and understanding of the core values that underpins all care and treatment in the practice.

On the day of the inspection the arrangements for managing a medical emergency were found to be compassionate.

Areas for Improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

Number of Requirements:	0	Number of Recommendations:	0
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5.3 Recruitment and Selection

Is Care Safe?

There was a recruitment policy and procedure available in the practice. The policy was comprehensive reflecting best practice guidance.

Two personnel files of staff members recruited since registration with RQIA were examined. Mrs Higgins and Mr Mann are aware of their responsibilities in terms of staff recruitment which includes ensuring the following are in place prior to the commencement of employment:

- positive proof of identity, including a recent photograph;
- evidence that an enhanced AccessNI check was received prior to employment;
- two written references;
- details of full employment history, including an explanation of any gaps in employment;
- documentary evidence of qualifications, where applicable;
- evidence of current GDC registration, where applicable;
- criminal conviction declaration on application;
- confirmation of physical and mental health;
- evidence of professional indemnity insurance, where applicable.

A staff register was retained containing staff details including, name, date of birth, position; dates of employment; and details of professional qualification and professional registration with the GDC, where applicable.

Mrs Higgins and Mr Mann confirmed that a robust system is in place to review the professional indemnity status of registered dental professionals who require individual professional indemnity cover. A review of a sample of records demonstrated that the appropriate indemnity cover is in place.

On the day of the inspection recruitment and selection procedures were found to be safe.

Is Care Effective?

The dental service's recruitment and selection procedures comply with all relevant legislation including checks to ensure qualifications, registrations and references are bona fide.

A review of the records and discussion with Mrs Higgins and Mr Mann confirmed that contracts of employment and job descriptions were in place for staff.

Induction programmes are in place relevant to specific roles and are completed when new staff join the practice.

Staff confirmed on the returned questionnaires that they have been provided with a job description, contract of employment and have received induction training when they commenced work in the practice.

On the day of the inspection recruitment and selection procedures were found to be effective.

Is Care Compassionate?

Review of recruitment and selection procedures demonstrated good practice in line with legislative requirements.

Recruitment and selection procedures, including obtaining an enhanced AccessNI check, minimise the opportunity for unsuitable people to be recruited in the practice

Discussion with the dental nurse demonstrated that she has a good knowledge and understanding of the GDC Standards for the Dental Team and the Scope of Practice.

Discussion with the dental nurse demonstrated that she is knowledgeable about the core values of privacy, dignity, respect and patient choice.

On the day of the inspection recruitment and selection procedures were found to be compassionate.

Areas for Improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

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5.4 Additional Areas Examined

5.4.1 Staff Consultation/Questionnaires

During the course of the inspection, the inspector spoke with Mrs Anne Higgins and Mr David Mann, registered persons, and one dental nurse. Questionnaires were also provided to staff prior to the inspection by the practice on behalf of the RQIA. Four were returned to RQIA within the timescale required.

Review of submitted questionnaires and discussion with staff evidenced that they were provided with a job description and contract of employment on commencing work in the practice. Staff also confirmed that induction programmes are in place for new staff which includes the management of medical emergencies.

Staff responses also confirmed that annual training is provided on the management of medical emergencies.

5.4.2 Complaints

It is not in the remit of RQIA to investigate complaints made by or on the behalf of individuals, as this is the responsibility of the providers. However, if there is considered to be a breach of regulation as stated in The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005, RQIA has a responsibility to review the issues through inspection.

A complaints questionnaire was forwarded by RQIA to the practice for completion. The evidence provided in the returned questionnaire indicated that complaints have been managed in accordance with best practice.

5.4.3 Patient Consultation

The need for consultation with patients is outlined in The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005, Regulation 17 (3) and The Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment 2011, Standard 9. A patient consultation questionnaire was forwarded by RQIA to the practice for completion. A copy of the most recent patient satisfaction report was submitted to RQIA prior to the inspection.

Review of the most recent patient satisfaction report demonstrated that the practice pro-actively seeks the views of patients about the quality of treatment and other services provided. Patient feedback whether constructive or critical, is used by the practice to improve, as appropriate.

No requirements or recommendations resulted from this inspection.

I agree with the content of the report.			
Registered Manager	Anne Higgins	Date Completed	26/10/15
Registered Person	David Mann	Date Approved	26/10/15
RQIA Inspector Assessing Response	Philip Colgan	Date Approved	02/12/15

Please provide any additional comments or observations you may wish to make below:

nil

Please complete in full and returned to independent.healthcare@rqia.org.uk from the authorised email address

It should be noted that this inspection report should not be regarded as a comprehensive review of all strengths and weaknesses that exist in the practice. The findings set out are only those which came to the attention of RQIA during the course of this inspection. The findings contained within this report do not absolve the registered person(s) from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with minimum standards and regulations.